

**REGULAR MEETING  
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
January 10, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.  
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call.** CHAIRMAN Laurie Boivin called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurie Boivin, Regina Washinawatok, JD Shatswell, Kathy Kaquatosh, Ben Kaquatosh and Jeremy Weso (4:52). MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Wayka. Also present: Dan Maine and Rebecca Loudbear.

**2. Moment of Silence.** A moment of silence was observed.

**3.** Approval of Minutes dated December 13, 2007.

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to approve the minutes dated December 13, 2007. Motion was second by JD Shatswell. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstention and 2-absent (Wayka, Weso).**

**4. Discussion on Workman's Compensation Fund Administrative Policy/Dan Maine.**

Dan Maine was present with his workers compensation plan. The committee had a few questions and corrections in the compensation plan. Chairperson Boivin stated that Budget and Finance would not need to concur with this plan; it was for informational purposes only. Changes to 5.01 to say: "will be presented to the Governmental Affairs Committee for approval and forwarded to the Budget and Finance Committee for informational purposes". Changes to 5.02 Dan will delete the sentence that says "and concurrence from the Budget and Finance Committee". Item # 1 should say "is" instead of "in".

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to approve policy No. 01-01 for the Insurance Department with the changes in item 1 purpose, 5.01 and 5.02 as discussed and that the final changes be brought back to the committee for review. Motion was second by Regina Washinawatok.**

**All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstention and 2-absent (Wayka, Weso).**

**5. Update from Legal Services Re: Status of Amendments to Ordinances 95-04 Tribal Government Plan and 05-29 Issuance of Tribal Fuel Business Charter-Rebecca Loudbear.**

Rebecca Loudbear handed out a hard copy of the Amendments to Ordinance 95-04 with a memo attached stating the changes requested by the committee. Rebecca incorporated all the Ordinances into one document. Chairperson Boivin noticed that the history summary was not attached at the back of the Ordinance that states all the different amendment dates. JD Shatswell noticed some of the flowchart dates needed to be corrected.

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature to approve the Ordinance 95-04 as presented to the Governmental Affairs Committee with the respective changes per the rules for first consideration. Second was by JD Shatswell. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions and 2-absent (Wayka, Weso).**

Rebecca Loudbear handed out the hard copy of the Amendments to Ordinance 05-29 with a memo attached stating the changes requested by the committee. In the memo there was a mistake that Rebecca and the committee agreed upon a change to. There was also other minor mistake's within the Ordinance that needed to be corrected.

**Motion made by JD Shatswell to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature to approve the Amendments to Ordinance 05-29 as presented to the Governmental Affairs Committee with the respective changes per the rules for first consideration. Second was by Regina Washinawatok. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3-for, 0-opposed, 1-abstentions (Kaquatosh-currently on the board) and 2-absent (Wayka, Weso).**

**Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to suspend the agenda to item # 7 on the agenda. Second was by JD Shatswell. All those in favor of**

**the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions and 2-absent (Wayka, Weso).**

**Jeremy Weso 4:52pm**

**7. Update on Ordinance 83-06 Personnel Policies & Procedures-  
Review & Review & Recommendations-Bill Kussel.**

Rebecca Loudbear was in for Bill Kussel to answer questions. It was suggested that 82-10 and 83-06 Ordinances should be combined into one document. This came in front of Menominee Tribal Legislature once before and was defeated. Chairperson Boivin suggested that they re-look at 83-06 and 82-10 but do it separately so that they don't conflict. There is also language in 83-06 that needs to be changed that Ben Kaquatosh gave to Bill Kussel. The committee also discussed 82-10 and the hiring of Native American people and what it really means. The discussion was about the issue of 82-10 and the scoring sheet for hiring an employee.

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to table item #7 on the agenda with the recommended changes to the Legal Department. Second was by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions and 1-absent (Wayka).**

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to return to item #6 on the agenda. Second was by Regina Washinawatok. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions and 1-absent (Wayka).**

**6. Proposed Changes to Section B, "Budget Revisions" of the  
Accounting Procedures Manual.**

Jeremy presented the modification forms that Administration and Finance Departments been working on. The forms are for In-house Budget modifications that will make it easier for those departments to work with.

**Motion made by Regina Washinawatok to accept the proposed policy on In-house Budget modifications with the corrections. Second was by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-abstention (Weso), 1-absent (Wayka).**

## **8. Other Business.**

Chairperson Boivin proposed that she will be taking the action sheet that Linda hands out for the Governmental Affairs committee's report to the General Council meeting. Chairperson Boivin will be changing the report due to not all information being on the report. The committee also looked over the Enrollment Department status report. Kathy Kaquatosh said that the Budget Modification forms will handle all departments' monthly reports. The only time a department will need to report to a committee will be if there was a serious issue in their budgets.

## **9. Adjournment.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Caldwell, Recorder/Transcriber  
Chairman's Office